

## OPINION 885

*VOLUTA MITRA* LINNAEUS, 1758 (MOLLUSCA: GASTROPODA):  
ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL LIST

**RULING.**—(1) It is hereby ruled that the specific name *mitra* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Voluta mitra* has precedence over the specific name *episcopalis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Voluta episcopalis*.

(2) The generic name *Mitra* Lamarck, [1798] (gender : feminine), type-species by tautonomy, *Voluta mitra* Linnaeus, 1758, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1842.

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *mitra* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Voluta mitra* (type-species of *Mitra* Lamarck, [1798]) (Name No. 2305);

(b) *papalis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Voluta papalis* (Name No. 2306).

(4) The specific name *episcopalis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Voluta episcopalis* (a junior objective synonym of *Voluta mitra* Linnaeus, 1758) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology, with the Name Number 907.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1728)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Mr. Eugene Coan in September 1965 as a proposal that *Voluta episcopalis* be placed on the Official List. Mr. Coan's application was sent to the printer on 22 November 1965 and was published on 31 January 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **22** : 355–356. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two specialist serials. Comments opposing the application were received from Dr. R. T. Abbott, Mr. W. O. Cernohorsky (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 80–81), Dr. H. A. Rehder (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 146) and Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 207–208). The application was supported by Prof. Myra Keen (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **24** : 9). Mr. D. Heppell requested that in addition to the original application, the authorship of the generic name *Mitra* be decided by the Commission (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 81).

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 27 February 1968 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (68)1, in Part 1 either for or against the proposal presented as Alternative B in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **22** : 356, and in Part 2 either for or against the addition of *Mitra* to the Official List of Generic Names with attribution of that generic name to either Röding or Lamarck. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 27 May 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

*Part 1.* Affirmative votes—four (4), received in the following order: Jaczewski, Alvarado, Binder, Bonnet.

Negative votes—sixteen (16): China, Holthuis, Mayr, Vokes, Boschma, Obruchev, Brinck, Sabrosky, Lemche, Starobogatov, Uchida, Eisenmann, Evans, Kraus, Mertens, Ride.

Commissioner do Amaral returned a late negative vote.

*Part 2.* Affirmative votes—twenty-one (21): China, Holthuis, Mayr, Vokes, Boschma, Obruchev, Brinck, Sabrosky, Lemche, Starobogatov, Uchida, Jaczewski, Alvarado, Eisenmann, Binder, Evans, Simpson, Kraus, Bonnet, Mertens, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

Commissioner do Amaral returned a late affirmative vote.

For Lamarck as author of *Mitra*—nineteen (19): China, Holthuis, Mayr, Vokes, Boschma, Obruchev, Sabrosky, Lemche, Starobogatov, Jaczewski, Alvarado, Eisenmann, Binder, Evans, Simpson, Kraus, Bonnet, Mertens, Ride.

For Röding as author of *Mitra*—two (2): Brinck, Uchida.

Commissioner do Amaral returned a late vote in favour of Lamarck.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Forest, Munroe.

Commissioners Melville, Tortonese and Simpson did not vote in Part 1 of Voting Paper (68)1.

A number of Commissioners in returning their votes expressed their agreement with Dr. Sabrosky's proposal to place *Voluta mitra* and *Voluta papalis* on the Official List, and *Voluta episcopalis* on the Official Index. Through an error in typing Dr. Sabrosky's alternative proposal was omitted from Voting Paper (68)1. Consequently on 10 February 1969 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the One-Month Rule on Voting Paper (O.M.) (69)1 either for or against Dr. Sabrosky's proposal as set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 24 : 207–208. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 10 March 1969 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—nineteen (19), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Forest, Simpson, Vokes, Alvarado, Tortonese, Lemche, Jaczewski, Ride, Eisenmann, Melville, Obruchev, Bonnet, Binder, Mertens, Kraus, Brinck, Sabrosky.

Negative votes—one (1): Mayr.

Voting Papers not returned—three (3): do Amaral, Evans, Munroe,

Commissioners Starobogatov and Uchida returned late affirmative votes.

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*episcopalis*, *Mitra*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10)1 : 732–733

*Mitra* Lamarck, [1798], *Ency. méth.*, Tabl. Vers: pl. 369

*mitra*, *Voluta*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10)1 : 732–733

*papalis*, *Voluta*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10)1 : 732–733

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (68)1 and (O.M.) (69)1 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in Voting Papers (68)1, part 2, and (O.M.) (69)1 have been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 885.

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